

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

## FULTON SAYS HE WILL WIN CROWN

Lanky Battler Arrives in Chicago and Fans of Windy City Give Him a Big Ear.

MET WILLARD ONCE BEFORE

Charley White is Also in Home Town With a Full Grown Grouch Over Actions of Welsh.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Chicago's colony of box fighters was increased by two yesterday when Charley White, who still aspires to lift the lightweight crown from Freddie Welsh, despite the latter's objection, arrived home from Excelsior Springs. From the opposite direction a few hours later came the lanky Fred Fulton, also with championship ambitions, but Fred is more fortunate than the lightweight. There is a champion in Fred's class who believes in defending his honors.

White carried an over-developed grouch as the result of the actions of Champ Welsh and his manager during the past three weeks. Charley figures that the Englishman's "stalling" has cost him in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for White called off at least four profitable matches awaiting word from Welsh's manager that the title bout was on. As the case now stands, Charley is though chasing Welsh and in the future will go ahead with his battles regardless of whether or not Welsh contemplates signing for the marathon drill.

Fulton is Cheerful.

What White lacked in cheerfulness Fulton made up for. He jumped around like a school kid on the eve of a summer vacation in anticipation of his coming chance at Jess Willard and he is "champing at the bit" because he cannot start training for the titular match at once. One thing in the farmer boy's favor is that he has plenty of confidence. To hear him tell it, Willard is more or less of a joke and made to order for the most famous member of the Fulton family.

Being fated and shoved into the limelight is something new to Fulton, who a year or so back was following a roper and milking the cows with an ambition to own a horse and buggy and take the best girl riding in his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes. It hasn't changed the size of his hat any though, for Fred still delights in riding in our elevated train and listening to a solo band play the "Blues." He hasn't reached the joy-riding stage yet and a taxi ride is not an everyday occurrence.

Willard Looked Soft.

When Fulton talks of fighting for the championship it isn't the wild monologue of the hardened battler. He doesn't let the loop know he is Fred Fulton, but he has a way of impressing his hearers that he can battle, even though they never saw him in action. He boxed Willard once in an exhibition, and this, by the way, was responsible for his pugilistic debut, for hitting the champs looked so soft to the farmer boy that he decided fighting was his natural profession.

Fred realizes there are a lot of things about the boxing business he has yet to learn, and he is a willing worker, banking his all on his ability to hit. "Funny thing," he declared last night, "I never knew how to use my hands until I boxed with Freddie Gilmore. He showed me a lot of little pointers about walloping that came natural after I tried them once or twice. Now when I am in a gymnasium I spend most of my time perfecting new punches. It is a lot of fun."

## MUSKOGON TO ENTER THE CENTRAL FOLD

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 21.—At a meeting of business men here yesterday plans were discussed concerning the organization of a company to take over the Central league baseball franchise which is said to have been offered to Muskegon for the coming season.

E. W. Dickerson of Grand Rapids, president of the league, and Rufus Gilbert, manager of the Terre Haute team, were among those who attended the meeting.

It is claimed sufficient capital has been raised to secure the franchise and that the next step will be an organized campaign for the sale of 500 season tickets to protect local stockholders from financial loss.

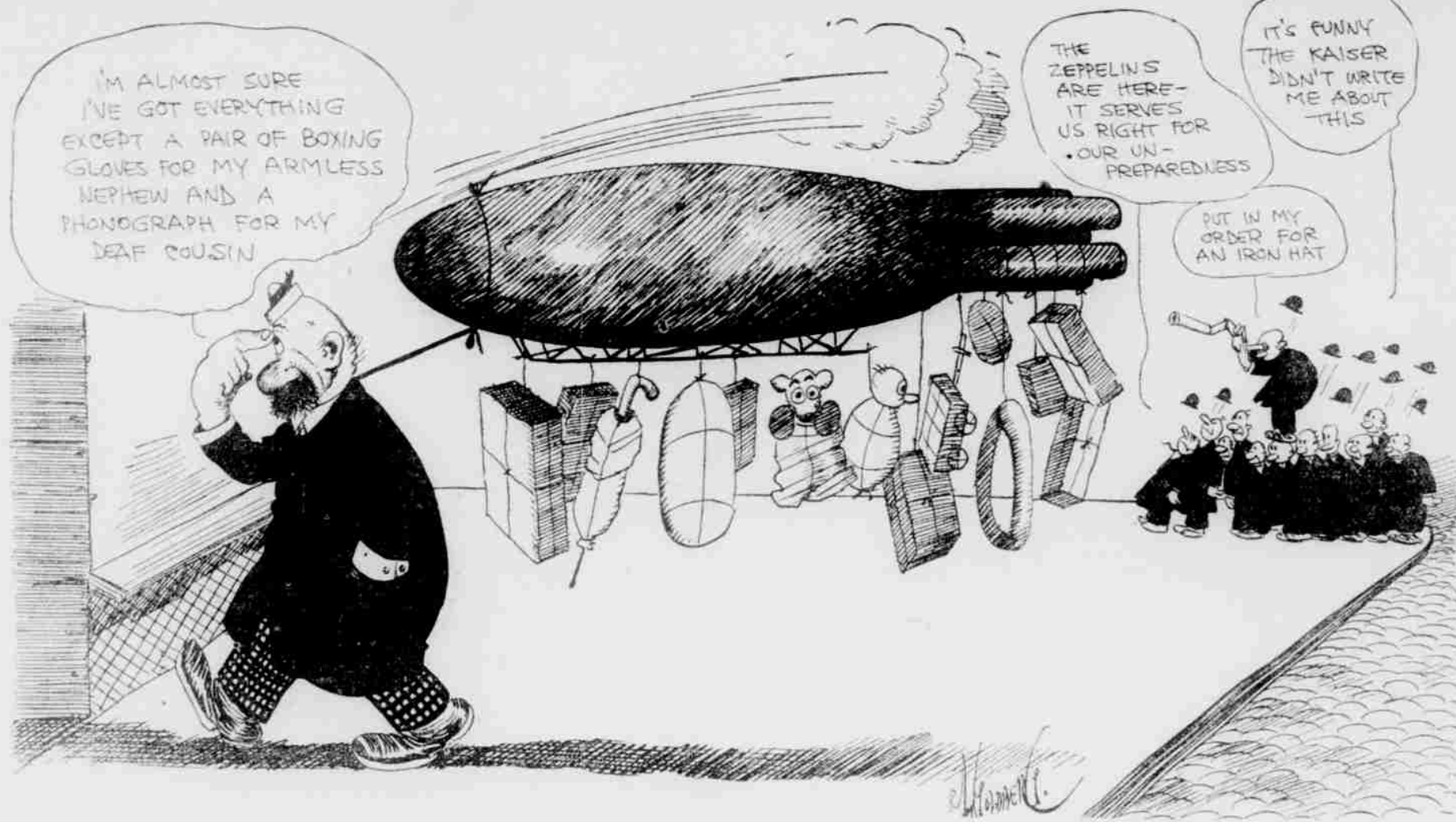
## HOME RUN BAKER TO BE SOLD TO YANKS?

Chicago, Dec. 21.—"Home Run" Baker, whose contract is held by the Philadelphia Athletics, probably will be sold to the New York Yankees, Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago Americans, said today. Comiskey has given up all negotiations to obtain Baker.

## BOBBY McLEAN WILL DEFEND ICE TITLES

New York, Dec. 21.—Bobby McLean, Chicago's professional skater, will invade New York soon after Christmas, backed by a bank roll of \$10,000, to defend his five world's records on the ice, according to a letter received here. The Chicago skater intends to challenge Christian Mathewson, the Norwegian champion of Europe, when the latter arrives in this country.

WHY LET THE ZEPPELINS LIE IDLE WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY BUNDLES TO CARRY—By Goldberg



## MOGULS PREPARE FOR CINCY MEET

Gilmore Declares That Peace Agreement Will Be Signed Not Later Than Wednesday.

ARE WORKING ON 50-50 PLAN  
Feds Giving So More Concession Than Organized Baseball in Arranging Great Project.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Federal league peace committee, consisting of President James Gilmore, Harry Sinclair and Patrick Powers of the Newark club, and C. B. Constock, vice president of the Pittsburgh club, left for Cincinnati last night. They were preceded by President John B. Tamm of the National league, John Heydler, secretary of the National league, Edward G. Barrow, president of the International league, and Captain T. L. Huston, secretary of the New York Americans. President Harry Hamstead of the New York Nationals, will leave for Cincinnati today.

Before leaving, President Gilmore predicted that there would be peace before the end of the week. "Affairs have progressed so nicely that all the parties may sign the peace agreement by Wednesday," said Gilmore. "At any rate it looks as though everything will be settled before Christmas."

Commenting on the outcome of the baseball war, Gilmore said: "We are giving up no more than the other side; it is a fifty-fifty proposition all the way through."

Gilmore reiterated his statements of last week that the Federal league cases before Judge Landis will not be withdrawn until all the peace papers are signed. "The withdrawal of the suit is one of the stipulations of the peace agreement, but we shall not surrender this club until everything else is settled," he said.

Captain Huston, it is believed, has gone west to procure Federal league stars to strengthen the Yankees. It is understood that he will have first choice of such players as the American league is entitled to have.

Telegram Miscarries.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—The loss of the telegram to Attorney Miller of the American league, sent out from New York last Friday, asking him to notify Judge Landis that peace negotiations were pending which, if carried out, might result in an agreement to withdraw the action of the Federal league against organized baseball, will in no way interfere with the conference of the committees representing organized baseball and the Federal league.

This announcement was made by Chairman August Hermann of the national commission yesterday.

"There are numerous details that have yet to be agreed upon by both sides," said Mr. Hermann, "and while we would be in a little better position to discuss one of these details had our telegram to Mr. Miller not gone astray, yet its loss will in no way interfere with the meeting tomorrow, and I do not think it will prevent the conferees from reaching an agreement that will lead to the final signing of a treaty of peace."

Mr. Hermann communicated with Secretary Haydler of the National league today and was informed that the telegram instructing Attorney Miller to interview Judge Landis had positively been sent from New York.

"That is as far as we have got with that part of the case," said Mr. Hermann. "I am investigating further."

Mr. Hermann announced that the meeting of the national commission, the committee from the minor leagues

## FOOTBALL PLAYER IS HOCKEY STAR

and the committee from the Federal league would be held at noon tomorrow.



Hobey Baker.

Hobey Baker, former captain of the Princeton football and hockey team, is gaining an international reputation as a hockey star. In recent hockey games Baker has astounded the Canadian players, who have hitherto regarded themselves without equals in the hockey world.

## RUPPERT'S DAD HAD \$25,000 IN SHARES

New York, Dec. 21.—Jacob Ruppert, the brewer, left a personal estate of \$6,352,758 when he died on March 25, according to the inventory filed in the Surrogate's court yesterday. His interest in the American league baseball club, of which his son, Jacob Ruppert, Jr., is the owner, is given at \$25,000, and his holdings in the New Yorker Staats Zeitung—ten shares—is given a valuation of \$4,864,504.

## WOLGAST ON SHELF FOR 6 LONG MONTHS

New York, Dec. 21.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight boxing champion, was suspended for six months by the New York state athletic commission yesterday for violating a contract. The commission found that Wolgast had agreed not to appear anywhere in the ring before meeting Leach Cross at the Harlem Sporting club last Friday, but he met Frank Whitney at Atlanta on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and was handled roughly, quit in the sixth and was not in condition to meet Cross.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## IOWA GETS JONES FOR 1916 MENTOR

Former Head Coach at Yale Signs Five and One-Half Year Contract With Hawkeyes.

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 21.—Howard Jones, for two years head coach at Yale, and ranked as one of the greatest athletic developers in the east, yesterday signed a five and one-half year contract with athletic officials here, by which he will take charge of the Hawkeye football hopes beginning Feb. 1.

Jones was the first football coach at Yale to receive a salary for his

services. In 1908 he produced the Yale eleven which played all opponents off their feet and did not allow a team to get within the Eli 30 yard line.

Although a first class man had been expected, the announcement that a nationally famous coach would pilot the fortunes of the Hawkeyes for the next five years came as a decided surprise. Jones' salary was not made public.

## HURLER LES HANSEN SIGNED BY THE CUBS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.—Ellis (Les) Hansen, pitcher for a local Council Bluffs team, has received a contract from the Chicago Cubs for next season. He will sign the contract and return it to Chicago some time this week.

Hansen was with the Omaha West-ern league team in 1910, but was only 19 years old and did not make a good showing.

Last season he pitched a ten-inning, one-hit game, in which he struck out 22 batters. A Cub scout saw this game and recommended that Hansen be given a contract.

Mike O'Dowd is Confident.  
St. Paul, Dec. 21.—After completing his training here yesterday Mike O'Dowd expressed supreme confidence of his ability to give Ed Graves of Cleveland a licking here tonight.

Mrs. Geers is Dead.  
Memphis, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Edward Geers, wife of "Pop" Geers, the famous race horse driver, is dead here. The body will be sent to her old home at Columbia, Tenn., for burial.

## JOHNNY KILBANE TO DEFEND TITLE

George Chaney is Selected to Swap Punches With Champion in Bout at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—With the announcement yesterday that Jimmy Dunn, manager of Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane, had accepted the offer for a title bout of 20 rounds with George Chaney here, an effort was begun to have the police regulations forbidding bouts of that length revoked. Sammy Harris, matchmaker of the American Athletic association, opened negotiations to have the rule changed, and it is believed that the police will permit the fight.

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—A proposal for a 20-round bout for the featherweight title has been accepted by Jimmy Dunn, manager of Johnny Kilbane, from Henry Bietzer, manager of George Chaney of Baltimore. The offer was made through Sammy Harris, matchmaker of the American Athletic association, Baltimore. Bietzer is willing to post \$1,000 forfeit, weight to be 122 pounds. Kilbane was guaranteed \$5,500, with the privilege of 33 1-3 per cent of the receipts. The Baltimore hall will seat 10,000. The agreement as to the date is the only thing lacking.

## BOTH GOTHAM CLUBS SEEK BENNIE KAUFF

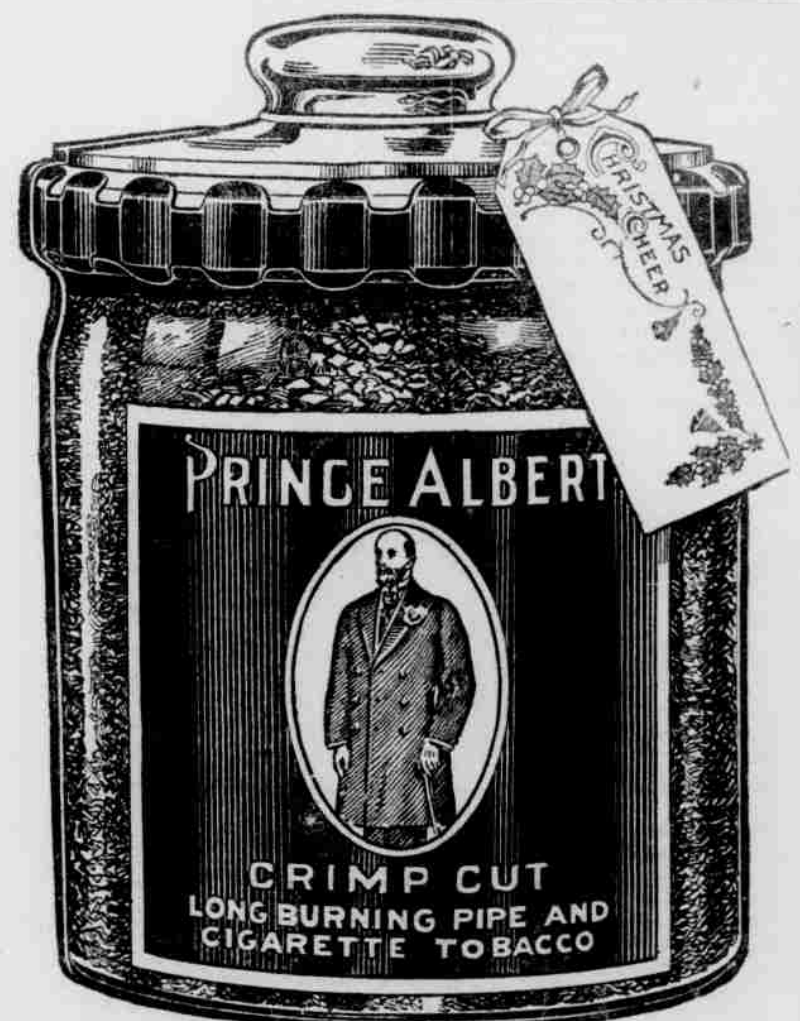
New York, Dec. 21.—If peace is declared in baseball, it is pretty certain that Bennie Kauff will go to one of the New York clubs. It became known yesterday that both the Yankees and the Giants are bidding for the Brooklyn heavy hitter.

It was rumored the Yankees had offered something like \$20,000 for Kauff. John McGraw of the Giants also is known to have expressed a desire for the Fed batting leader.

Start Gibbons-Darcy Talk.  
St. Paul, Dec. 21.—Fight fans yesterday started talk about Les Darcy meeting Mike Gibbons here, following reports that Les is to come from Australia to meet "the best of 'em at 160 pounds." Scraps with Eddie McGoorty and Jimmy Clabby for the Australian were also talked. Darcy claims the middleweight world's title.

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